



HOPE Network (Philippines)

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Project Objectives

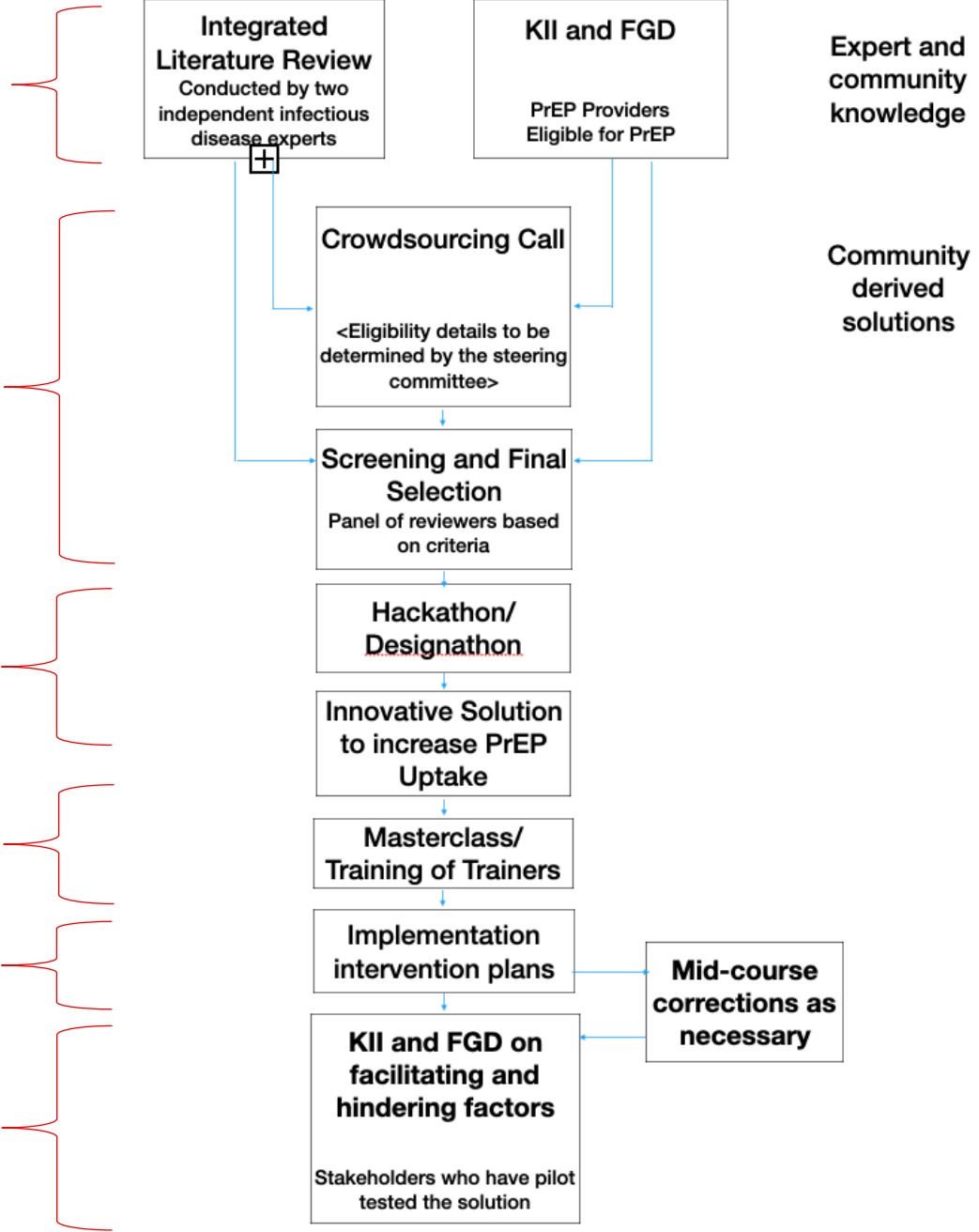
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6. Identify facilitating and hindering factors in the implementation of the identified solution.

Timelines & Milestones

Objective 1: Determine barriers and facilitators to PrEP	Mar to June 2022
Objective 2: Identify innovative solutions	July to Sept 2022
Objective 3: Develop package of services through hackathon	Oct 2022
Objective 4: Develop capacity of providers in implementing the solution	Oct to Dec 2022
Objective 5: Determine effectiveness	Jan to Mar 2023
Objective 6: Identify facilitating & hindering factors	Jan to Mar 2023

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Projected Timeline



Project Milestones

Project Sites

- Love Yourself Clinic in Metro Manila
- HIV and AIDS Treatment Hub in Calamba, Laguna (south of Manila) – Sustained Health Initiatives of the Philippines
- HIV and AIDS Treatment Hub in Iloilo (Family Planning Organization of the Philippines)



Agreement with Partner Sites (2 of 3 signed)

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding entered in the Philippines this ____ day of _____ 2022, by and between referred collectively as "PARTIES":

LOVEYOURSELF, INC., is a non-stock and non-profit organization with institutional address at [REDACTED] Manila, represented herein by its **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RONIVIN G. PAGTAKHAN, PH.D., MN, RN**, hereinafter referred to as "**LYS, Inc.**"

-and-

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY, INC., is a non-political, non-stock, and non-profit corporation with institutional address [REDACTED] Adriatico, Padre Faura Street, cor J. Bocobo, Ermita, Manila 1000, represented herein by its **PRESIDENT, CARLO IRWIN A. PANELO, MD, MA**, hereinafter referred to as the "**FACE, Inc.**"

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, FACE, Inc. is established to provide an institutional medium that will initiate, sponsor, promote, assist, or conduct programs and projects geared towards research and development on matters of vital importance to the field of Clinical Epidemiology and other fields of medicine and health sciences;

WHEREAS, FACE, Inc. seeks to develop partnerships and collaborative research and development activities with public and private entities and corporations to further attain its objectives through informative and evidence – based research;

WHEREAS, the LYS, Inc., is a volunteer-led organization for the youth and the LGBTQA+ that aims to promote loving oneself and provides a range of sexual and reproductive health services as well as mental health services. LYS Inc., is one of the pioneering organizations in the Philippines to introduce the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) through the demonstration project called PrEP Pilipinas (PrEPPIY);

WHEREAS, the FACE, in collaboration with the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology, will undertake and implement the project entitled "Ending HIV transmission by Optimizing Pre-exposure in East-Asia (H.O.P.E)" hereinafter referred to as the "PROJECT";

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FAMILY PLANNING ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINES - ILOILO, is a non-stock and non-profit organization with institutional address at [REDACTED] Barangay Ma. Clara, Iloilo City, represented herein by its **CHAPTER PROGRAM MANAGER, MONA LIZA S. DIONES**, hereinafter referred to as "**FPOP ILOILO**"

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WHEREAS, the FPOP ILOILO is a non-stock, non-profit, service oriented organization providing quality sexual and reproductive health service to all Filipinos especially the poor and the underserved, FPOP is one of the oldest and biggest organization in the Philippines;

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Status of Ethics Review: Completed // Exempted

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Re: UPMREB 2022-0282-EX
Ending HIV transmission by Optimizing Pre-exposure prophylaxis in East Asia (H.O.P.E.):
Focus on the Philippines

Dear PROF. CASTILLO-CARANDANG:

We would like to inform you that your study protocol has been received by the UP Manila Research Ethics Board (UPMREB) and has been classified for Exempted review. Your study has been assigned study protocol code UPMREB 2022-0282-EX, which should be used for all communication to the UPMREB Panel 1 related to this study.

Should you have any questions or clarifications regarding the above, please contact the undersigned through the UPMREB Panel 1 Secretariat at (02) 8522 2684 or upmreb@post.upm.edu.ph. You may monitor the status of this submission at <http://reb.upm.edu.ph>.

This is a UPMREB secretariat-generated notification via ireb.upm.edu.ph and does not need a signatory.

Objective 1:

Determine barriers & facilitators to PrEP use

Technical Leads



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Research Questions

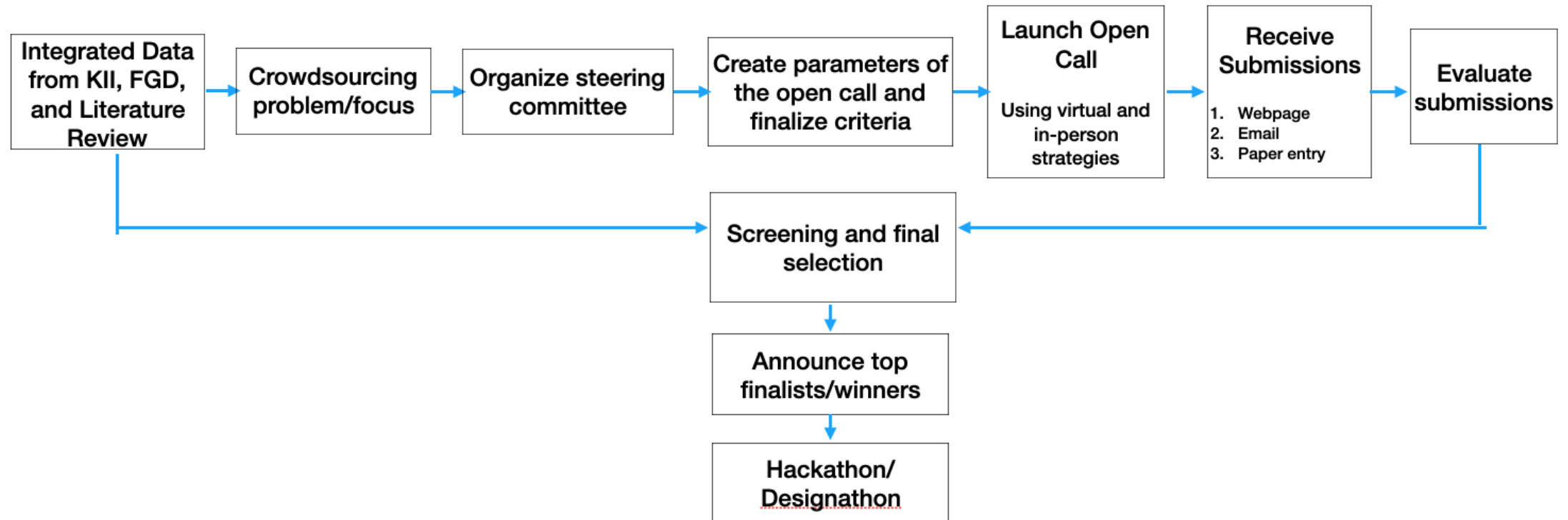
1. What are the perspectives and experiences on PrEP use at the global, regional (e.g., Southeast/east Asia), and local levels?
2. Who are the key stakeholders or health system champions on PrEP use in the Philippines and at the regional level?
3. What innovative solutions have been introduced by various stakeholders and communities to promote the use of PrEP?
4. What are the technical, organizational, and social triggers, barriers, and facilitators to PrEP?
5. What are the possible (current and existing) innovations on PrEP that can be tested in the three sites?
6. What are the policy and research areas (current and future) that the project can contribute to increase PrEP use?

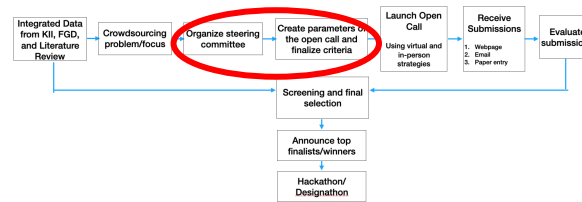
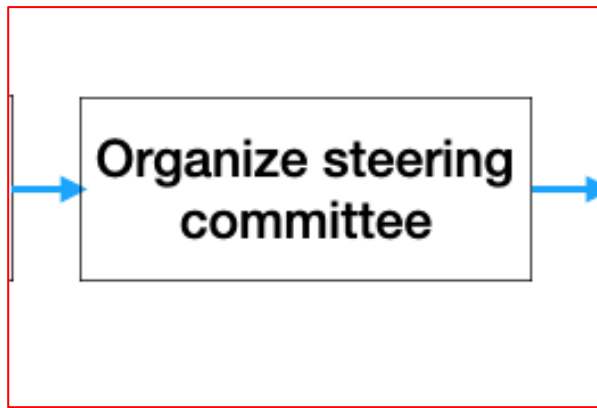
Crowdsourcing Plans

Organizing the Steering Committee

Launching the Call

Objective 2: Identifying solutions through crowdsourcing





- Ten (10) – member committee
 - Designated representative from study sites (n=3)
 - Representative from the community (i.e., key populations) [n=2 // MSM, TGP]
 - Representative from the DOH HIV and AIDS Program
 - A bioethicist
 - Representative from private sector and/or donor agency
 - Representative from the academe
 - Representative from the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development - funding agency – as ex-officio member



- 6 weeks initially with a 2-week extension (total of 8 weeks)
- Virtual
 - Social media platforms with a link to a webpage containing information about the call
 - Facebook or Instagram Live
 - Dating apps (?)
- In-person
 - Organized information sessions in three pilot sites (in partnership with local network organizations and volunteers in the area)



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CALLING ALL PrEP CHAMPIONS AND INNOVATORS!

We are searching for innovative solutions (ideas or initial prototypes) that can increase the use of optimizing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

PrEP is a proven, effective means of preventing HIV infection through regular or on-demand use of an oral HIV medication by HIV-negative people.

INNOVATIONS MUST BE:

- developed by Filipinos
- a new idea, an initial prototype, or has already been pilot tested
- must be focused on facilitating the increased use of PrEP in key populations (e.g., men having sex with men and transgender persons)

PRIZES & INCENTIVES

Top innovations will receive a/an:

- Cash Prize
- Eligibility to join the hackathon/ideathon
- Opportunity to pilot test the solution

HOW TO SUBMIT

Step 1.
Complete the Submission Entry Form

Step 2.
Submit your entry in person,
via courier or via email

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSIONS

MM-DD-YYYY



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& SELECTION CRITERIA

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT _____, OR VISIT:

SELECTION CRITERIA

APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SOLUTION TO THE NEED



The approach addresses a health-care delivery challenge that specifically deals with an infectious disease of poverty or could be applicable to this disease group

DEGREE OF INNOVATIVENESS



The approach is new, different or a significant improvement within the context to which it is being applied

EFFECTIVENESS



The solution has a demonstrated positive outcome on the health of the local population

INCLUSIVENESS



The approach has the potential to be used by many people, enhancing equity and access

SCALABLE



Within and across cultural, resource and environmental contexts, the solution can be applied to reach many more people

AFFORDABILITY



The solution is affordable to the poor who are otherwise excluded in the local context or the solution is more cost-effective than the status quo

SUSTAINABLE



The financial, organizational and market aspects of the solution are sustainable

THE H.O.P.E. NETWORK

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Ending HIV transmission by Optimizing Pre-exposure prophylaxis in East Asia (H.O.P.E) Network project came to the fore because of the collaborative proposal submitted to the East Asia Joint Research Program (or e-Asia JRP) by research and academic institutions in the Philippines, Australia, Thailand, and the United States. The Philippine Council for Health Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology represents the Philippines in the Health Program of the e-Asia JRP. The international collaborating organizations for this project include the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (Australia), the Institute of HIV Research and Innovation (Thailand), and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (USA).

Locally, the project team is partnering with the key HIV/AIDS Treatment Hubs in the country – Love Yourself, Inc., Sustained Health Initiatives of the Philippines, Inc., and the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines. Using participatory research methodologies such as crowdsourcing open calls and expert knowledge, we will identify community-driven solutions to optimize PrEP effectiveness in the Philippines.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Our general objective is to upscale PrEP services in the Philippines through identification and evaluation of community-designed PrEP interventions, and capacity building on PrEP among HIV health care providers.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1 Determine barriers and facilitators to PrEP use through literature review, KIs, and FGDs
- 2 Identify innovative solutions through expert knowledge (review of literature, KIs, and FGDs) and a crowdsourcing contest to improve PrEP
- 3 Develop a package of innovative services through a hackathon to increase PrEP uptake
- 4 Develop the capacity of select healthcare providers in the implementation of the innovative, community-derived solutions on PrEP in at least two PrEP clinics
- 5 Determine the effectiveness of the developed solution in increasing PrEP use among the clientele of the two pilot PrEP clinics
- 6 Identify facilitating and hindering factors in the implementation of the identified solution